

NOTICE OF RULE MAKING

Pursuant to one or more of the following Arkansas Codes, 20-76-201(13), 20-10-211(a), 20-10-203(b), 20-76-433, 20-77-102, 20-77-107, 20-77-603, 25-10-129, the Director of the Division of Medical Services hereby issues the following proposed changes in the Medical Assistance Program under Title XIX of the Social Security Act:

The Arkansas Division of Medical Services adopted emergency rules, and now proposes to adopt permanent rules in accordance with State Medicaid Plan Amendment No. 2004-015, which rescinded payment caps for heart, liver, liver/bowel, lung and skin transplant procedures effective December 3, 2004. Such procedures remain subject to all other Medicaid coverage and payment provisions. The proposed rules include amendments to the following Medicaid Provider Manuals: Hospital/Critical Access/ESRD Policy Manual Update No. 70 and Physician/Independent Lab/CRNA/Radiation Therapy Center Policy Manual Update No. 91 have been proposed subsequent to the Arkansas State Plan Amendment to include reimbursement policy revisions in the provider manuals.

The proposed policy is available for review at the Division of Medical Services, Program Planning and Development, 2nd floor Donaghey Plaza South Building, 7th and Main Streets, P. O. Box 1437, Slot S295, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-1437. You may also access it on the Medicaid website (www.medicaid.state.ar.us), and download it from the "Proposed Rules For Public Comment" section of the website's *General* menu. Policy accessed from this location will be watermarked with the word "Proposed". All comments must be submitted in writing no later than March 12, 2005.

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